IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Kikuji YAMASHITA et al.

Serial Number: 09/895,400

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For: ORGANISM-COMPATIBLE MATERIALS WITH COMBINED EXTRA-CELLULAR MATRICES, EXTRACELLULAR-MATRIX PREPARATIONS, AND PRODUCTION

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

December 30, 2002

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, for two months from November 2, 2002, to January 2, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$200.00 is attached hereto to cover the cost of the extension. Please charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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Respectfully submitted,

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